

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 as follows:

BAGLESS CANISTER VACUUM CLEANER

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit, as a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/944,731 filed August 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,712,868, and 5 claims priority from and hereby expressly incorporates by reference commonly owned U.S. provisional application No. 60/230,287 filed September 1, 2000.